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“If Winter Comes,” The Old-Time Lyric Ran,

“Can Spring Be Far Behind?” You Bet It Can!

◆◆◆ Reginald Arkell, Green Fingers ◆◆◆

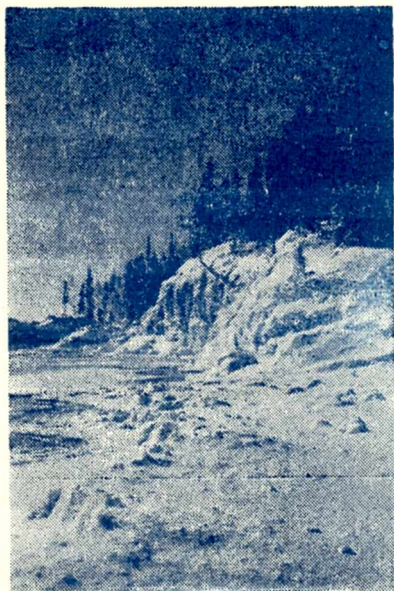


Photo by Louie Baranowski in 1939. South shore of Mott Island in Winter.

FROM AND ABOUT THE ISLE ROYALTY

Kay Davis will fly to Boston next week for a visit with Elt's folks. She will probably stay until the Ranger II sails for Mott after the ice break-up.

Reporting in from Ely, Minnesota, Errol "Beeb" Otto (Rock Harbor Lodge, 1953, and other miscellaneous times since "before I could walk") says he's sure glad to get the news from us -- "just like hearing from old friends."

Alfreda Gale writes "Who is the Editor?...I couldn't find the name anywhere. It makes me long to start north. E. K. (Elizabeth Kemmer) and I had a wonderful time with Mary and Bob Gibbs....warm greetings to all.

(The editor, if that's what he is, isn't sure that publication of his name would be in his own best interests. But, we'll think about this.....Ed.)

Gordy Stimson recently had amonth's leave from ye olde U.S.M.C. It was good to see Gordy again in Houghton. Seems as if he's been in good health -- least-wise your editor didn't dare any monkey business for fear of some fast judo (or just plain konking) while Gordy was around. He's now picked-up his ship again back on the west coast.

Frank Johnson came for a weeks visit with brother Bob and wife. Frank and Jim Markham (home from USGS job until May) did the town together during Frank's visit. Someone back in Two Harbors cared enough to write at least once during that week!

Two reports dropped into the Ed's mail box read nearly alike....here they are: "The grapevine reports that Superintendent "Honest John" Lewis is stuck in a snowbank somewhere in Iowa and will be extending his vacation by a day or two. After the grapefruit and

cactus of the southwest this type of winter sport will be a novelty." and....."On our way to work yesterday morning, our car radio informed us there was a low pressure area over Iowa. Later in the day, via the dangling grapevine, we heard that Cactus Jack (alias Honest John) was stranded in Iowa enroute home. What baffles us is -- how does a high pressure guy react in a low pressure area?????????????????"

WINTER WILDLIFE STUDY CONCLUDED

Bob Linn drove up to Minnesota March 2nd and retrieved Jim Cole from the plane which brought him from the Island. Aside from busting a ski on the plane during a landing on Siskiwit Lake and doing minor damage to a wing-tip and slightly bending the prop and the gasoline stove for cooking going on the blink and the sprockets in Jim's camera tearing up the film inside and having to haul two barrels of aviation gas $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile on a toboggan so they could keep flying and a...and.....well, the trip was mild and uneventful. We should have a nice report soon on wildlife conditions in the park. This much we know now: there's still moose in the park and there's still wolves in the park and probably they'll both be there for some time.

A NEW SEASON GREETIN' ?

We have a deal with PARK NEWS AND VIEWS of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in which we trade newsletters. Their latest issue carries an article by their naturalist, Arthur Stupka, concerning Serviceberry. We'll quote some of it here....."Red Maple and the various elms have been in bloom for the past several weeks. These trees are the earliest to come into flower....another tree with early flowers is the serviceberry, locally called 'Sarvice', and going by many other names in other places ('Shadbush,' 'Juneberry,' 'Indian plum,' and over a dozen others). Ordinarily, the flowering of this little tree is a far more reliable sign of spring than the flowering of red maple and

of the various elms...."

On Isle Royale we call this "Juneberry" or "Sugarplum", and it's a pretty good sign of spring here, too. Trouble is, it won't bloom at the earliest until May. The last week here in Houghton has been mild, but we'll remind all readers of the poem on the cover!!!!!! Spring??

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The boys down in the hold of the Ranger II -- yes, they WORK down there in winter -- have gotten the engine of old reliable TONAWANDA all put back together. New this's and that's have been put in for another round of hard service.

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The Isle Royale Natural History Association, which is just about to crack its shell, has begun negotiations to handle a supply of nature handbooks which will be on sale at the Island next summer....also the sale of the three color map will be taken over by the Natural History Association from the Isle Royale Recreation Association (an employees club). In this way, it is hoped that some funds will make themselves available for the Association's activities.

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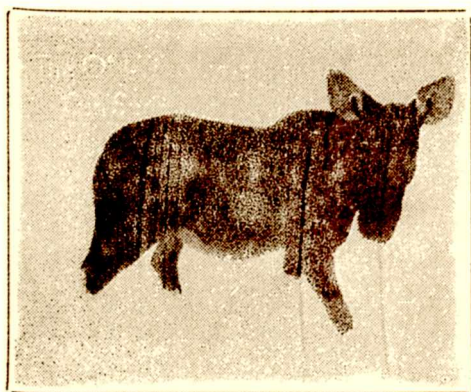
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THE ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

◆ Recently a letter was sent to all residents and part-time residents of Isle Royale announcing that a natural history association is to be established in the park. To date 21 replies have been received stating interest and requesting membership in the association upon its organization. A charter has been written which will need a review by the regional staff and signing by charter members. Anyone who becomes a member by September 15 of this year will automatically be a charter member. Very likely the association will be incorporated in the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization--the necessary papers for this action have already been received.



The purpose of this association is to aid the interpretive program at Isle Royale National Park: financial and other assistance in the preparation of interpretive booklets, color slide collections, and exhibits which cannot be appropriated from government funds; and to aid in making publications, maps, and other information about the park available to the public.

If you're interested in becoming a member, drop us a card. If you've already stated your intentions, you'll receive word soon about what to do next.

